



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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May 21, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
FOR THE LITTLEROCK OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE STAGING AREA ACQUISITION PROJECT
FROM STATE PARKS OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GRANTS & COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENTS PROGRAM
(FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This request is to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a competitive grant application for the Littlerock Off-Highway Vehicle Staging Area Acquisition Project to the State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grants & Cooperative Agreements Program for funds to acquire property.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Littlerock Acquisition Project in the amount of \$377,000 from the State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program. The total estimated project cost is \$771,000, with matching funds of \$394,000 from the Department of Parks and Recreation's Off-Highway Vehicle Special Fund. If the acquisition grant is not approved, then \$771,000 will be derived from the Department of Park and Recreation's OHV Special Fund.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and

submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, deed restrictions and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this recommended action will complete the grant application process for the Littlerock Off-Highway Vehicles Staging Area Acquisition Project. The project includes the acquisition of 11 parcels (APN 3048-017-041, 3048-017-035, 3048-017-026, 3048-017-018, 3048-017-045, 3048-016-002, 3048-016-003, 3048-016-004, 3048-016-005, 3048-016-050, and 3048-016-051) for the purpose of developing an off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation site. The funding agency is the State Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (OHV Program).

Currently, there are approximately 135,000 registered OHV's within the County of Los Angeles (County), but a limited number of sites for OHV recreation. The proposed acquisitions will increase opportunities for OHV recreation in the County and provide linkage to existing OHV facilities in the Angeles National Forest. The parcels are adjacent to Mt. Emma Road in the unincorporated Littlerock Community.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommended action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing recreational opportunities that benefit County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended action will not have a fiscal impact on net County cost.

The total estimated project cost for the Littlerock Acquisition Project is \$771,000. The grant request is \$377,000 from the OHV Program, and \$394,000 will be derived from the Department of Parks and Recreation's OHV Special Fund. If the acquisition grant is not approved, then \$771,000 will be derived from the Department of Park and Recreation's OHV Special Fund.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department to submit a proposal to acquire land; thereby, increasing opportunities for OHV recreation as well as provide an annexation to existing OHV facilities. Additional operating costs are not anticipated from this acquisition but should they materialize, they will be determined at the time the land is conveyed to the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The OHV Program requires an adopted resolution from the governing body to complete the grant application.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will not have any impact on current services or programs.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that one adopted copy of this letter be returned to the Chief Executive Office, and two adopted copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation. Should you have any questions please contact Robert Ettleman at (213) 354-5134 or rettleman@parks.lacounty.gov, Vanessa Paniagua at (213) 738-2986 or vpaniagua@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION AND AUTHORIZING
THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE
DIVISION, GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Operation and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement, and Education and Safety for off-highway vehicle recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to certify by resolution the approval of the Application to apply for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this Project appears on, or is in conformance with the County of Los Angeles adopted general or master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the acquisition project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application(s) for an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant or Cooperative Agreement; and
2. Certifies that this agency understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the Grant; and
3. Certifies that the County of Los Angeles understands the California Public Resources Code requirement that Acquisition; and
4. Development Projects be maintained to specific conservation standards; and
5. Certifies that the Project will be well-maintained during its useful life; and

6. Certifies that the County of Los Angeles will implement the Project with diligence once funds are available and has reviewed, understands, and agrees with the Project Agreement; and
7. Certifies that the County of Los Angeles will provide the required matching funds; and
8. Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this Project (as applicable); and
9. Delegates authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to accept the grant, if awarded, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for completion of the Project.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2013, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN KRATTLI
County Counsel

By Christina A. Salseda
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Principal Deputy County Counsel